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Avery Raps Report on Foundations

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Representative William H. Avery (R. Kan.) said yesterday Republican members of the House Small Business Committee had no chance to take part in an investigation of tax-exempt foundations.

Avery added "It is a single-handed operation on the part of the chairman," Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.).

Avery spoke just before Patman in a House speech said the foundations have reached "massive, un-dreamed-of proportions" and that legislation is needed to control them. Patman previously had released his speech for publication over the weekend.

Avery noted that Patman's "interim report" has not been approved by the Committee. He said he did not challenge Patman's right to issue the report but said such a procedure "leads to innuendoes and misunderstandings."

Avery said the Committee should hold hearings so that foundation representatives could have a chance to give their side. Patman has said he will hold hearings later this year.

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